Dear Chaipersons Osten & Miller, and Committee Members,

My name is Scott Ferguson and I am the tax collector for the City of Danbury. I am also President of the Connecticut Tax Collector's Association. I am writing in favor of S.B. No. 188, which deals with online publications of notices. As a municipality that collects on a quarterly basis, we must publish 12 notices per year, at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Due to the decline in newspaper subscriptions and readership, many of our taxpayers never see these notices. Therefore, not only would Danbury save \$2,000 per year, but we would reach many more taxpayers with an online publication.

Therefore, I am in support of this bill and respectfully request that my testimony be submitted for review.

Sincerely,

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